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Police Aim to Save Lives with "Booze It & Lose It"



Due to the increase in drunken-driving-related fatalities around the holidays each year, state and local law enforcement agencies across North Carolina were out in full force for the holiday Booze It & Lose It campaign. The statewide campaign lasted from December 11, 2015 through Jan. 3.

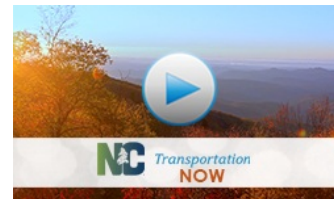
Their efforts resulted in 3,074 DWI charges in which 252 were drug-related charges and 2,822 were alcohol related.

Nearly 350 law enforcement agencies participated in the campaign, issuing 105,020 traffic and criminal citations in addition to the 2,822 DWI charges at 10,914 checking stations and saturation patrols across the state.

The top five counties for DWI arrests during the campaign were as follows:

- Wake County - 260;
- Guilford County - 208;
- Mecklenburg County - 168;
- Cumberland County - 136; and
- Forsyth County - 125.

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N.C. Transportation Now

This week's episode of N.C. Transportation Now looks back at the highlights from the department in 2015.

NCDOT Year in Review 2015 was a milestone year for the N.C. Department of Transportation, not only because it marked the department's centennial, but also because it saw a number of major reforms aimed at modernizing and stabilizing the funding available for transportation improvements across the state.

Informational Meeting Held Regarding 2016 Work For the Winston- Salem Northern Beltway Project in Forsyth County



Parishioners at Gospel Light
Baptist Church Ask Questions
About Closures on

The N.C. Department of Transportation hosted a public meeting on Wednesday, December 9, to answer questions regarding work pending on Walkertown-Guthrie Road along the [WSNB Project](#) route in Forsyth County.

The meeting took place from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Walkertown.

NCDOT representatives displayed maps of the designs and were available to answer questions and receive comments. There was no formal presentation.

This project has been underway for nearly one year and the contractor, Dragados USA has cleared, placed fill and began some structure construction on the project. They have implemented an onsite detour on U.S. 158 and will began construction within the next two months on the Walkertown-Guthrie Road bridge that will go over the new Beltway. The roadway will be closed for 8 months to complete this section of the project. This closure will require an offsite detour.

The project begins at U.S. 158 southwest of Winston-Salem and ends at I-74/U.S. 311 southeast of the city. The total length of the project is 34.2 miles.

The project is scheduled to be fully complete in December of 2018.

You can find out about other regional projects [here](#).

Business 40 Improvement Project Team Meets With Transportation Stakeholders



NCDOT, WSTA and PART Managers
Discuss Travel Logistics During
Construction and Closure

NCDOT Division Engineer Pat Ivey and staff met in December with area public transportation planners to discuss the potential

Over the past century, North Carolina's transportation system has evolved from rudimentary farm-to-market roads to a comprehensive multimodal network that connects people and places and serves as a significant economic engine for our state, and much of the focus throughout 2015 was on ensuring that the state's transportation infrastructure continues to support North Carolina's growing and diverse needs.



Advertising for the Business 40 Improvement Project Begins January 15!

NCDOT has developed the Request for Qualifications for the Business 40 Improvement Project in downtown Winston-Salem and now the project is being advertised to potential contractors.

NCDOT hopes to select the winning team in July

impact and seek possible options for public transportation during the construction and ultimate closure of a 1.2 mile section of Business 40 in Downtown Winston-Salem for the Business 40 Improvement Project.

"This stakeholder meeting allowed us to gather ideas from [WSTA](#) General Manager Art Barnes and [PART](#) Executive Director Scott Rhine and their teams, for public ridership during the elected 2-year closure of this stretch of highway through downtown," said Division Engineer Pat Ivey.

The project includes removing and replacing highway pavement and ramps, replacing bridges and improving ramps onto and off of Business 40 which will require 2-years of closed roads and 5-6 years of construction work. During the closure riders will find public transportation to be one of their best options for navigating around the closed highway, and accessing area business and homes.

You can find out more about the Business 40 Improvement Project by [following us on Twitter](#) and visiting [the project website](#).

Members of the Board of Transportation Approve Projects Being Added to STIP Funding Including Final Segments of Winston-Salem Northern Beltway Eastern Section/I-74 as Well as Other Triad-Area Projects



Jake Alexander Division 9
Board Member

After Governor Pat McCrory recently announced in December that many transportation projects across the state will see construction dates moved up thanks to the signed 2015 state budget, the NCDOT Board of Transportation approved the plan Thursday, January 7 that includes fully funding the final four segments of the eastern section of the [Winston-Salem Northern Beltway](#); as well as acceleration other Triad-area projects.

"The primary purpose of the reforms was to ensure transportation funds were being spent on transportation projects and not diverted to other state programs," Governor McCrory said.

"Once complete, the long-awaited eastern beltway will complete the I-74 corridor through Forsyth County, thereby

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Keeping Your Agreement with Adopt-A-Highway

As you know, the agreement volunteers sign with the Adopt-A-Highway program requires four cleanups per year minimum and those cleanups must be reported to us. With the new year we wanted to give you a new reminder of your commitment.

Communication between AAH and our groups is the most important aspect of having a successful program. If you find that you are not able to conduct the required cleanups for whatever reason, please contact Margaret Brown at 336-896-2350 so we can assist. We understand that burnout can occur

improving the transportation system by reducing congestion on U.S. 52, enhancing economic development and job creation opportunities and improving freight mobility and reliability throughout the Piedmont Triad region," said Division 9 Board Member Jake Alexander.

The state budget includes additional funding for transportation through the elimination of the transfer from the Highway Fund to the General Fund and through other fee and rate changes resulting in an additional \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years for transportation construction. The additional money allows NC Transportation add or accelerate a total of 248 construction projects across the state.

"Other high-profile projects of note are the widening of I-40 from Harper Road to N.C. 801 and the widening of U.S. 158 in Forsyth County and the Old Beatty Ford Road interchange at I-85 and the Julian Road widening project in Rowan County, all of which will provide much-needed safety and congestion improvements in these counties," said NCDOT Division 9 Engineer Pat Ivey.

Ninety-two new segments of highway projects can now be funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the department's 10-year construction plan. Additionally, the construction schedules of another 90 highway projects already approved in the STIP are being accelerated. An additional 66 non-highway projects are also being added to or accelerated in the program.

The NCDOT followed the Strategic Transportation Investments law to identify new projects (either segments or entire projects) at the statewide, regional and division levels. The projects were identified from those previously scored based on the same weights and criteria (data) used to develop the 2016-2025 STIP.

The schedule changes, called amendments, were presented to the Board of Transportation for their review at their December meeting last month.

For more to the highway and non-highway projects approved this morning click:

[Non-Highway](#) or [Highway](#) and follow NCDOT on Twitter.

and want you to know that we are available to talk about problems you may have with keeping the requirements of your agreement.



Litter Activity Book For NC's Kids

The Office of Beautification has a Litter Activity Book for kids that can be downloaded. It has 13 pages of word games, puzzles, information and fun projects for school age children.

It will teach your kids about why littering is bad and how they can help. These books are also used in the schools so you might have your child show the activity book to their teacher so that their class can enjoy learning how to prevent littering.

Find the site to [print out the activity book here](#) and look on the left menu. Have fun!

the Piedmont
Improvement Program, or
PIP.

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around the Triad and get
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